



PALM LEAF

Palm United Methodist Church

July 2017



First Word

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CRAIG'S CORNER—FRANK AND AIKO

What an up and down week. On one hand we mourn the passing of our dear brother in Christ, Frank Abe. I was so grateful to be asked to preside over the service and thought the entire Abe family did such a wonderful job putting together beautiful worship in honor of God and Frank. So many of you really helped out, preparing the church, setting up chairs, ushering in people, and doing the small things that add up to a lot to make it easier on the family. I know they are very grateful for all everyone did. Frank will be missed terribly. Not just by his family who will miss him more than we can know, but by all of us. He was a guiding force for our church. His thoughts and opinions were widely respected. Even though he wasn't the Board Chair, any time we needed something done, people would ask me, "What did Frank think?" It wasn't a position he desired, but one given to him because he was so well thought of.

On the up side, we were able to celebrate with Aiko Takeda who was given the Bishop's Award for 2017. Out of the nearly 80,000 people in our Annual Conference, she was one of only four recipients. The Bishop's Award is given to those members of our conference who exhibit extraordinary service to God and community. Certainly Aiko fits that. We have been blessed with many people who give of themselves to both God and community who are deserving of recognition. But even amongst a group so dedicated there is a selflessness about Aiko that is almost instantly recognized by others. So many people have lifted Aiko up as an example of a life in deep connection with God it seemed fitting to submit her name to the Bishop. And she agreed. Before hundreds of people representing our 300+ churches in the conference, they gave a standing ovation for Aiko for all she has done. Because she was attending a funeral for her nephew, she was not able to be there, so we surprised her instead during worship this past Sunday (6/25). Boy was she surprised. And she said exactly what all the other recipients said. "There are many others more deserving than me." It's that kind of humility that exhibits why she was given the honor.

In life there are ups and downs. It is part of the rhythm of our existence. I'm just so grateful to be a part of the family of God and to see the rich love Christ describes in both. When we lose someone special like Frank, I see us coming together to offer the love of Christ through service and witness. When someone in our midst is celebrated, we come together in praise and thanksgiving for sharing in that moment. It is that love which defines us as Christians and I am honored to be the pastor of this congregation. Let's see what this year brings!

Peace and Blessings, Craig craig@palmumc.org



JOYS AND CONCERNS AMONG OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please continue to pray for cancer warriors Jacob dela Montanya, Josh Crampton, Matt Sakaguchi, Danny and Kay Armijo (Pat's cousins), Carol McMorris (Cassie's mother), and Gerard Laquerriere (friend of John and Pat).

Please keep Irene Burkart, Rosalinda Vasquez and her family, Florence Brayfield, Mas Konatsu, Marcia Williams, Maryanne Couch (Janice Serios's cousin), Oliver and Winnie Cadiente, Terry and Nancy McKittrick, Ken and Cathie Metz, Mike Yada, Jorge Calija (Norma's brother-in-law), Wilma Conner, Sandy Hansen, Alice Yoshimura (Lindy's mother), first responders, the Yoshihara family, and Open Gate Ministries in your prayers.

Sincere sympathy is offered to friends and family of Dan Meinert, who passed away on May 30, and Barbara Coddington, who died June 13 in Dinuba. Deepest condolences are extended to family and friends of Sumi Okuma, who passed away on Tuesday, May 30, and Lilyan Kiyomoto who died on June 18 in Fresno. Our dear friend and brother Franklin Abe received his eternal reward on Tuesday, June 6; he will be missed.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MORE GRADUATES: Thomas Eliosa, Dinuba High School; Antonio Diaz, Dinuba High School; Noemi dela Cruz, Dinuba High School; Matt Millhorn, Arroyo Grande High School (CA).

Congratulations to Brett and Jacqui (Takeda) Morenz who were married April 8, and to Justin and Katelyn Lamb, who repeated their wedding vows on June 17!

CONGRATULATIONS TO AIKO TAKEDA, WHO WAS PRESENTED WITH THE COVETED BISHOP'S AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE AT CALIFORNIA-NEVADA ANNUAL CONFERENCE CLOSING CEREMONY JUNE 24 IN BURLINGAME (*in absentia*) !



NEWS BITS

Sermon Bible Study meets Tuesdays at 1:00. Old Testament Bible Study meets Wednesdays at 11:00 AM. Prayer Group meets Thursdays at 10:00 AM. Ikebana Class will not meet during the months of July and August.

COFFEE HOUR SIGN-UPS : If you are Head Toban for any month, or if you wish to host Coffee Hour on a special Sunday during the year, please indicate on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. The monthly newsletter will serve to remind you. **July Tobans will serve Coffee Hour on July 2, and on July 30, Confirmation Sunday! Miles Yada and Emma Yoshihara will help lead the worship service.**

Veronica Lopez, Operations Manager at Open Gate Ministries, will be our guest speaker on Sunday, July 16; donation lunch will follow.

The date for our annual Oriental Take-Out Dinner has been set for Saturday, October 28! Stay tuned for more details!

COMMUNION STEWARD DUTIES

Chalice, chalice cover, paten, and white napkin are kept in the Communion cabinet in the kitchen. Bring 100% juice and a round loaf of bread to church on Communion Sunday; place the bread on the paten, and cover with napkin. Pour the juice into the chalice (not too full). Cover the chalice, and place it and the paten on the Communion table on the Chancel. After church, please remember to wash, dry, and replace supplies in the kitchen cabinet. Thank you! --Norma



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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30 CONFIRMATION SUNDAY 10:00 Worship and Sunday School ; Coffee Hour	31 Office closed					

OPEN GATE SHELTER NEEDS

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www.opengate-ministries.org

Personal Hygiene Items / Pads / Diapers

Paper Towels / Toilet Paper / Kleenex

Shampoo / Hairbrushes

Rice / Beans / Pasta / Spaghetti Sauce

Powdered Milk / Mayonnaise

Flour / Sugar / Oil / Salt / Pancake Mix

Coffee and Creamer

Canned Fruit, Juice, Vegetables, & Meat

Sliced American Cheese

Snacks for Children / Peanut Butter

Mixing Bowls

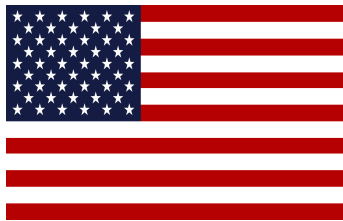
Children's Videos

Bath, Dish, and Hand Towels

Blankets / Sheets / Pillowcases

Pajamas—all sizes

Volunteers, especially at the Thrift Store



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Palm UMC—Tulare and "P" Streets

Sunday Service:

Palm UMC—10:00 AM—Worship and
Sunday School

JULY
WORSHIP TASKS

Worship Leader

Nancy McKittrick

Communion Steward

Kathy Lamb

Greeters / Ushers

2 Rodney and Marian Clifton

9 John and Pat dela Montanya

16 Diane Domingo, Winnie Cadiente

23 Ruth Kurihara, Kathy Lamb

30 Norma Lozano, Amy Yamakawa

July Tobans

* Aiko Takeda

Ginger Munson

Amy Yamakawa

Cassie Yoshihara

Diane Domingo

Desiree Domingo

July Birthdays

1—James Lamb, Jackie Pipkin,
Jim Crawford

2—John dela Montanya, Lucia Galvan,
George Martzen

4—Ben Shaver 7—Cassie Yoshihara

9—Pat dela Montanya

10—Melissa Elosa

15—Tosh Sadahiro

17—Don Fujinaga

19—Norma Lozano

21—Kathy Munson-Botkin,
Jamie Crawford

27—Kerry Millhorn, Hannah Brown

29—Mas Konatsu

30—Augi Fern

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Pastor: Craig Yoshihara

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2019: Jerry Munson
2017: Marian Clifton
2018: Susan Yoshimura

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2019: Aiko Takeda
2017: Janice Serios
2018: Cathy Yada

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2018:
2017: Pat dela Montanya

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